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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LOW CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 025996; CARACAS 0806

1. WE EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY IN REACHING AMBASSADOR JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ONLY MINISTRY OFFICIAL AU COURANT WITH DEVELOPMENTS AT THE LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE. MARTINEZ WAS TIED UP WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND LATER OCCUPIED WITH HIGH-LEVEL PROTOCOLARY FUNCTION ENTIRE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 5.

2. WHEN REACHED IN EARLY AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 5, MARTINEZ WAS COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH EVENTS OF FEBRUARY 4 AT CONFERENCE. POL COUNSELOR NOTED VENEZUELA'S ABSTENTION ON PROCEDURAL QUESTION ON FEBRUARY 4 AND URGED THAT VENEZUELA INSTRUCT ITS DELEGATION TO UPHOLD CHAIRMAN'S RULING ON APPLICATION OF RULE 32. MARTINEZ REPLIED THAT VENEZUELA'S ABSTENTION WAS ONE OF MANY, AND INDICATED, WITHOUT SO SAYING, THAT IT WAS DELIBERATE. POL COUNSELOR STATED THAT SOVIETS MAY CHALLENGE CHAIRMAN'S RULING, AND THAT THE VOTE WOULD BE CLOSE. MARTINEZ SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH THE VENEZUELAN
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DELEGATION IN GENEVA.

3. MARTINEZ CALLED AN HOUR LATER TO STATE THAT HE HAD TELEPHONED THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION AND HAD LEARNED THAT THE PROCEDURAL RULING HAD BEEN UPHOLD THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 5 AND THAT SUBSEQUENTLY A FORMAL PROPOSAL BY ALGERIA TO INVITE THE "PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM" (PRG) HAD BEEN REJECTED. MARTINEZ DID NOT STATE HOW VENEZUELA HAD VOTED.
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